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22,000 Barrels of Crude Oil Released in Texas During Hurricane Harvey, Coast Guard Estimates

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2017/09/toxic-numbers-continue-upward-trend-aftermath-hurricane-harvey/>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has yet to release firm data on the amount of petroleum products and other toxic substances Hurricane Harvey unleashed on the Texas environment. According to a database kept by the U.S. Coast Guard, though, the numbers are already adding up to one of the worst environmental disasters in the U.S. in recent years.

The Energy 202: Hurricanes are dominating the news. But forest fires are raging out West.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2017/09/20/the-energy-202-congress-want-to-fix-firefighting-in-federal-forests-but-it-can-t-agree-on-how/59c1616530fb045176650d47/?utm_term=.191046cf38e6

If two major back-to-back hurricanes had not borne down on the United States this past month, with a third in the form of Hurricane Maria this morning, the tens of thousands of wildfires raging out West would have garnered more national media coverage than they have. But the fires throughout California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming have certainly caught the attention of residents there — as well as their representatives in Congress and the Trump administration, too.

Puerto Rico Is Already an Environmental Tragedy. Hurricane Maria Will Make It Even Worse.

<https://newrepublic.com/article/144888/puerto-rico-already-environmental-tragedy-hurricane-maria-will-make-even-worse>

Last week, Puerto Rico was lucky. This week, it's not. The majority of the U.S. territory was spared the worst from Hurricane Irma, the Category 4 storm that devastated the lower Florida Keys and Caribbean islands including St. Martin and Barbuda. But now Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 monster with 165 mph winds, is headed straight for the heart of the island; every meteorological prediction shows the storm pummeling Puerto Rico. Rain is already falling, and the eye is expected to hit as early as Tuesday evening.

Shrimp Boats Sunk by Harvey Leaking Fuel Oil in Texas Harbor

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Shrimp-Boats-Sunk-by-Harvey-Leaking-Fuel-Oil-in-Texas-Harbor-445939303.html>

Fuel oil has been leaking from shrimp trawlers that sank in the Aransas Pass harbor during Hurricane Harvey.

That has prompted the Aransas Pass harbor master to close the boat launch at Redfish Bay Boat House until the vessels can be salvaged and the oil spill cleaned up.

Will Hurricane Maria Hit Texas? The State Can't Afford To Be Hit By Another Storm

<https://www.bustle.com/p/will-hurricane-maria-hit-texas-the-state-cant-afford-to-be-hit-by-another-storm-2412819>

While residents in the southeastern United States continue to make sense of the chaos left behind after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma slammed Houston and Florida respectively, another major storm has approached the region. But as it begins to pummel Puerto Rico, one devastated state can breathe a little easier this week. Category 5 Hurricane Maria will not hit Texas, however, whether or not the monumental storm will hit the continental United States is still unclear.

Harvey caused sewage spills

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Harvey-caused-sewage-spills-12213534.php>

Nearly 31.6 million gallons of raw sewage spilled across southeast Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, pouring into neighboring communities and waterways as dozens of wastewater treatment plants were hit by high winds and flooding, according to state records. Most of the sewage spilled in Harris and Fort Bend counties, with 65 separate releases dumping 20.7 million gallons of sewage in Harris County and 11 spills dumping 9.5 million gallons in Fort Bend.

DEATH BY HURRICANE: THERE COULD SOON BE A CURE FOR A FLESH-EATING BACTERIA THAT ALMOST JUST KILLED A MAN IN TEXAS

[http://www.newsweek.com/death-hurricane-cure-flesh-eating-bacteria-almost-killed-man-texas-667825 \](http://www.newsweek.com/death-hurricane-cure-flesh-eating-bacteria-almost-killed-man-texas-667825)

A Texas man survived a flesh-eating infection he contracted from Hurricane Harvey's floodwaters after intensive treatment at a Houston hospital. Many victims of such bacterial illnesses suffer a worse fate. But improved therapies and vaccines might be on the way, if scientists can use some new findings from that same hospital on how some bacteria that cause these infections work

Disease-carrying mosquitoes threaten residents in Coastal Bend

<http://www.caller.com/story/weather/hurricanes/2017/09/19/disease-carrying-mosquitoes-threaten-residents-coastal-bend/681949001/>

Mosquitoes are not expected to buzz off anytime soon. Instead, an increase in mosquitoes may be seen because of standing water from Hurricane Harvey. And with the National Weather Service forecasting rain Saturday and Sunday, getting rid of standing water may not be an easy task.